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OF THE

Seventy-Second Annual Session

OF THE

Judson Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

Mantachie Baptist Church

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OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION

Elder W. G. GRAY, Moderator	Dorsey, Miss.
J. C. RAPER, Clerk	Guntown, Miss.
T. R. NICHOLS, Treasurer	Ratliff, Miss.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

G. S. RABURN, D. R. RAPER	Ratliff, Miss.
W. G. GRAY, A. E. SANDLIN, J. B. LODEN	Dorsey, Miss.
W. O. THORNLEY	Saltillo, Miss.
F. HOBSON	Guntown, Miss.
R. E. TOOK	Baldwyn, Miss.

LICENTIATES

W. D. CAYSON, D. T. MARSHBANKS, BURT EDGE, W. W. MORSE

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THE COVENANT

The Church Covenant as adopted by most churches of this Association: Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, Angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and Spirituality; to sustain its worships, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministery, the expenses of the church, and the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, back-biting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drink as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy of speech; to be slow to take offence, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible enter with some other church, where we can carry out the Spirit of this covenant and the principals of God's word.

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Judson Baptist Association met in its Seventy-Second Annual Session with the church at Mantachie, Itawamba County, Miss., September 16, 17, 18, 1924.

Introductory Sermon by Elder D. R. Raper. Text—Jeremiah 3:24. "Truly in vain is Salvation hoped for from the hills and from the multitude of mountains: Truly the Lord our God is the Salvation of Israel."

The Association adjourned until 1:20.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association came together by singing and prayer.

C. E. Gregory and D. R. Raper were appointed Reading Clerks.

The roll of the churches was called and Messengers enrolled as follows:

Mantachie—A. J. Moris, S. H. Turner and T. H. Beene.

Evergreen—W. W. Morse, P. W. Duncan, ——— Elliott, C. S. Nabers.

Hopewell—Elders W. G. Gray, A. E. Sandlin; Brethren F. E. Wallace, W. Wood and Sister Eunice Gray.

Liberty—James Hester, A. L. Brown, Jessie Owings, E. R. Tods, I. T. Riddings.

Sandy Springs—T. M. Thomas, S. M. Weatherford, C. M. Spencer, J. C. Franks, W. M. Spencer.

Ballardsville—W. R. Estes, T. C. Schumpert, C. E. Gregory, Grover Franks.

Tombigbee—Elder G. S. Raburn, F. M. Carpenter, W. E. Walker, J. L. Bailey, J. M. Thomas.

Unity—W. M. Gillentine, Elder F. Hobson, D. C. Raper, J. M. Benefield and J. C. Raper

Ratliff—W. C. Nichols, Elder D. R. Raper, A. E. Hilliard, T. R. Nichols.

Cacy Creek—J. T. Barrett,, Mrs. M. J. Hancock, Lizzie Lyle.

Friendship—D. P. Magers, W. A. Roper, Fields W. Roper, Holbert Barnett, Ivy Barnett.

Mt. Joy—J. C. Hubbard, Sister J. C. Hubbard, R. G. Bonds and Sister Annie Williams, alternate.

Mt. Gillead—Brethren I. N. Skinner, Lester Skinner, and Mrs. Luda Seago and Mrs. Willie Skinner, M. Woodley.

Providence—Elder W. O. Thornley, J. R. McDonald, Ebb McNutt, J. S. Thornley.

On motion the Association entered into permanent organization Brethren C. E. Gregory and D. R. Raper were appointed tellers of election. Result:—Elder W. G. Gray elected Moderator; J. C. Raper, Clerk; T. R. Nichols, Treasurer.

The following were appointed on the Committee of Arrangements: Brethren R. G. Bonds, J. R. McDonald and Elder F. Hobson.

Devotional Committee as announced by the Moderator as follows: Brethren Fields W. Roper, W. M. Gillentine with Deacons of Mantachie church.

By motion, visiting brethren were seated with us.

Devotional Committee made the following report: "That Elder W. C. Ballard preach Tuesday night, F. Hobson, Weednesday and T. L. Blalock Wednesday night."

The Committee on Arrangements reported same order of business as last year.

A motion was made to suspend the regular order of business to select a place for the next session of the Association. The above motion was admitted and immediately afternoon Wednesday was the time set for selecting the place for the next Association.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Sustentation—S. M. Weatherford, J. T. Barrett, W. W. Morse.

Temperance—D. R. Raper, C. E. Gregory, R. G. Bonds.

Fraternal Dead—Egbert Wallace, S. H. Turner, James Hester.

Music—W. A. Roper, Tracy Beene and J. C. Hubbard.

Ministerial Education—L. J. Thomas, Perry Magers, Elder A. E. Sandlin.

Ministerial Support—Elder W. D. Thornley, F. M. Carpenter, Mrs. E. W. Handcock.

Associational Missions—Elder F. Hobson, W. C. Nichols and Elder G. S. Raburn.

Finance—W. R. Estes, J. M. Benefield, J. B. Grimes.

Church Discipline—W. M. Gillentine, C. S. Nabors, I. N. Skinner, J. L. Bailey.

Speeches were limited to five minutes with three minutes for the second speech on each subject.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Association convened at the 9:00 o'clock hour by singing and prayer by Elder W. C. Ballard.

The letter from Bethel church was handed in and Messengers enrolled as follows: W. A. Chatham, R. S. Sheffield, A. T. Bean, O. L. Cockrel, A. W. Loden.

Report of Committee on Temperance—We your committee on Temperance beg leave to report as follows:

Fiarst Corenthians 9:25 teaches us to be temperate in all things. We should not go beyond reason in the natural things of life. In Proverbs 20:1—"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Proverbs 23:21—"For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags."

God said emphatically to let it alone. Proverbs 23:31 and 32—"Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a

serpent and stingeth like an adder." Indulgence in intemperance disqualifies a man for God's service and leads him to ruin and shame.

Would you please look at King Belshazzer in the 5th chapter of Daniel. While he and his Lords were in a drunken feast, there appeared the hand of God writing their doom on the wall. Then the King's countenance was changed. They saw their condition but it was too late.

Again in the 6th chapter of Mark we have a record of Herod and his Lords indulging in intemperate things which resulted in the beheading of St. John the Baptist.

Look at our country today and especially the youth of our land, how it is given to drunkness and other intemperance. God condemns it.

Let us persuade the Christians to take a firm stand against intemperance and not be a sympathizer with intemperance of any kind; but be real men of God. Stand up for His word and help to enforce our civil laws against intemperance in all things.

Respectfully submitted,

D. R. RAPER,
C. E. GREGORY
R. G. BONDS, Committee.

After remarks by Elders W. O. Thornley, G. S. Raburn, F. Hobsom, W. G. Gray, W. C. Ballard, D. R. Raper and brethren R. G. Bonds, R. S. Sheffield, Cliff Nichols, I. N. Skinner the report was adopted.

The letter from Oak Grove was read and Messengers enrolled as follows: J. M. Young, J. T. Rushings, W. S. Hall and H. S. Farrar.

The letter from Shilo was read and Messengers enrolled as follows: Vance Collum, O. W. Houston, G. Ryan and Elder S. S. Houston.

Report of Committee on Fraternal Dead

We find we have lost by death as follows:

From Hopewell—Brother W. M. Morse.

Evergreen—Sister Lizzie Hanks.

Liberty—Brethren Lee Bunch, J. H. Worthy and Sister Maggie Brown.

Ratliff—Sister Sula Nichols and Brother Charley S. Ferguson.

Friendship—Sister Rosa Mamie Davis.

Unity—Sister Bettie Price.

Fellowship—Sister Sandlin.

Tombigbee—Sister Elen Garner and Sister Etta Wilburn also Sister Madge Stephens.

Shilo—Brother D. F. Richardson.

Ballardsville—Sister Martha Francis.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. Henceforth they do rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

After remarks by Elders G. S. Raburn, D. R. Raper, S. Houston, A. E. Sandlin, S. Barber the report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Sustentation

We find Brothers and Sisters A. J. Herring and Brother Pink Barns in destitute condition, also Sister Taylor from Liberty church We are taught by God's word to aid, visit and contribute to the support of widows, orphane and the needy.

We recommend that each church look after same in their immediate territory.

W. W. MORSE,
S. M. WEATHERFORD,
J. T. BARRETT, Com.

After remarks by Elder W. G. Gray, and Brethren John W. Thornberry and W. H. Leigh, the report was adopted. A collection was taken for the above named parties, result: Brother and Sister A. J. Herring $12.10, Brother Barns and Sister Taylor $5.06.

The Committee on Music made the following report:

The Bible teaches us to sing with the spirit and understanding. So as the origin is divine, we can not place too much importance on music. We find in Collossians 3:16, "To teach, admonish one another in Spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." We believe that all leaders of church music ought to be upright Christians. We read in God's word, "To sing praises to our King with understanding." No one but Christians can do this, if song service is conducted properly it often reaches the hearts of sinners and causes them to seek the Lord, as the Gospel can be carried in song. We should be very careful in the selection of songs to be used in our churches.

In Acts 23:45 We find that Paul and Silas sang praises to God. And we think according to God's word we ought to heed the admonitions given us and use only sacred music in our churches and be taught only by Christian teachers.

A religion without music is a religion without love or life, and he that believes, prays and works for the Lord should be attuned with the songs of Zion. Only once do we read of God's people hanging their harps upon the willows (Psalms 137:2) when they were taken captives and doubtless then with breaking hearts, they often took down their harps and sang with subdued melody some of the songs of Zion.

There is only one place where there is no music, and that place is hell. There will never be heard a note of joy or praise in that eternal abode of dispair.

The church should always use songs that will cause the souls of people to vibrate with the love of God. To do this we should devote

more attention to the study of music, we are sorry to say that music is being neglected by the church.

Respectfully submitted,
F. E. WALLACE,
S. H. TURNER,
W. E. WALKER, Com.

After remarks by Elders S. S. Houston, C. E. Ballard, W. O. Thornley, R. S. Sheffield, A. E. Sandlin and G. S. Raburn the report was adopted.

A motion was carried to suspend the regular order of business for preaching, Elder F. Hobson preached an able sermon.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association came together by singing.

The next session of the association was located at Mt. Gillead Baptist Church and W. G. Gray to preach the introductory sermon with Elder F. Hobson alternate.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

We believe that the better our ministers are educated, the better they will be able to meet all kinds of critics, even those who oppose the truth. Paul said to Timothy: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth."

We urge our ministering brethren to study the Word for we know God's word is the most important thing, for by the knowledge of the Word, they are more able to preach the Word.

We believe the churches ought to assist their ministers in obtaining an education for this great work.

D. P. MAGERS,
A. E. SANDLIN,
L. J. THOMAS, Committee.

After remarks by Elder G. S. Raburn, A. E. Sandlin, A. J. Darling, the report was adopted.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Sunday Schools—H. S.Farrar, D. R. Raper, W. J. McKissick, J. S. Thornley.

Publication—Modena Barrett, Annie Williams, Eunice Gray, Mrs. J. C. Hubbard.

Colleges and Other Institutions of Learning—D. R. Raper, A. J. Morris, Vance Collum.

Missions—G. S. Raburn, E. R. Todd, and W. S. Hall.

Orphanage—R. S. Sheffield, W. O. Thornley, L. H. Bean, J. M. Young.

State of Religion—S. S. Houston, J. L. Rushings, A. W. Loden, A. E. Hilliard.

Elder W. C. Ballard preached an able sermon at the appointed hour Wednesday night.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Association met according to adjournment.

Devotional services conducted by the Moderator.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Support

Since the Bible teaches that it is the duty of the church to teach all nations as is recorded in Matthew 28:19-21, and since the preachers are the ones sent by the church to do this work, and too, the laborer is worthy of his hire, we believe that churches should supply the ministry with their prayers and with their money.

We believe that the ministers should give their entire time to the preaching and teaching the Word.

Respectfully submitted,

Elder W. O. THORNLEY,
F. M. CARPENTER,
Mrs. M. J. HANDCOCK.

After remarks by Elders W. O. Thornley, F. Hobson, Van R. Hill, W. G. Gray, the report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Church Discipline.

We believe that it is the duty of the churches to discipline their members. We also believe that the authority to discipline is invested in the church alone, and that the Scriptures teach strict discipline of its members. We fin dthis: Withdraw yourself from every one that walketh disorderly. Mark the mthat cause division among you. And many other things that lead us to believe that God wants His churches in decency and in order.

We recommend that the churches of the Judson Association do all they can to discipline their members, just as the Bible teaches them.

W. M. GILLENTINE,
I. N. SKINNER,
J. L. BAILEY, Committee.

After remarks by Elders W. G. Gray, A. E. Sadlin, the report was adopted.

Report of Associational Missions and Associational Missionary.

Notwithstanding the fact that there has been much said and done about missions in and around our own association, there is yet a great lack, in as much as our association is growing. Vast territories of mission fields have opened up to us and a great cry is being raised by many of our God loving and God fearing people who have refused to be yoked by conventionism. People are calling for preaching on account of the lost conditions of their neighbors. God is calling too. There is so much need of preaching in and around our association. Peoples' hearts are going out for lost souls. God is calling on us who have found him true and faithful.

"If we could shut up our ears to the noise of the world and realy hear the call that God is making." As another has said. We should

live close enough to our God to really hear Him when He calls us to support the Missionary when he goes out to fight sin for the glory of God, there would be a great ingathering of souls if we would only do this.

We believe associational missions to be very important. We have improved some in the last few years, but there are many destitute places yet. There is a territory east of the river that should be worked by all means and there is a territory north of us that is begging for the Gospel to be preached among them. We recommend that a suitable man be put on the field for his full time by the churches.

After remarks by Elders Van B. Hill, W. G. Gray, G. S. Raburn the report was adopted.

Report of Associational Missionary.:

Brethren since you put me on the field one year ago I have preached at the following places:

Friendship, twice; Elleston, three times; Uclatuba, twice; Ballardsville, four times; Oak Grove, one time; Walnut Grove once, Fulton one time and Mt. Joy once. I helped to ordain three deacons, one at Unity, two at Oak Grove. I helped to ordain one minister at Oak Grove. I have received on the field $38.85, and have traveled 514 miles. Brethren I realize that I haven't done as much as I ought to have done. I recommend that a good man be put on field for full time. May God's richest blessings rest on all our churches.

F. HOBSON

The above report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Publications.

First we recommend the Bible for it is the all sufficient rule of Faith and Practice. The Bible is the way of God, and God is truth. Therefore it is true because it is the word of God. God is love and the Bible reveals God's love to man. We think there are many other publications helpful such as the Baptist Sunday School Literature published at Texarkanna and the Fundamentals, published by the Religious Literature Department of the Calvary Baptist Church 123 West Street, New York. The Forerunner, the Gospel Witness, published at Toronto, Canada, we heartily recommend for the young Christian—"In His Steps" and "The Young Christian and His Work."

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. J. C. HUBBARD,
MRS. J. T. BARRETT
MRS. EUNICE GRAY.

After remarks the report was adopted.

The Devotional Committee

Reported that Elder T. L. Blaylock preach at 11 o'clock.
Elder T. L. Blaylock preached an able sermon on "Faith Mission."

AFTERNOON SESSION

Report on Sunday Schools and the Superintendents of Sunday Schools.

Report on Sunday Schools.

The Sunday School work is the special teaching service of the church and should be controlled by the church in conference. The following Scriptures are sufficient to justify our claim: Matthew 28:19-20; Nehemiah 8:3.

The supreme feature of the Sunday School work is to gain Scriptural knowledge and it should be emphasized that the Bible is the main text book.

We recommend the Baptist Sunday school literature as being sound and very helpful to study of the Bible. We recommend that all the churches and pastors do all they can to maintain good Sunday schools all the year, that the rising generation may be better qualified to carry on the good work as He taught and according to His will.

Respectfully submitted,
H. S. FARRAR,
D. C. RAPER,
J. W. McKESIACK,
JAMES THORNLEY, Committee.

Report of Superintendent of Sunday Schools.

Dear Brethren—I have not visited but few churches in the interest of Sunday Schools as I should. Not because I did not desire to visit them but my chances are not what a man should have to rightly do this great work. It is quite a task to go over this association of 19 churches for 75 or 80 miles long and go on horse back, however, the reports from the churches are encouraging.

There are a number of live Sunday schools in the association, about one-half of the churches maintain their Sunday schools and I believe all churches could have them if they loved God supremely as he said, "If you love me, keep my commandments." And when he gave His commission, He left out none. He said, "teach all nations," Matthew 28:19-20.

The Sunday school convention was real good. The programs were of the highest order and were inspiring as well as edifying. Also the addresses that were made by the brethren contained some grand lessons. Henceforth, brethren, let us give this great work a prayerful consideration and select a man to do this work that has opportunities and qualifications and conveyance that meet the requirements.

The next session of the Sunday school convention will be with Mantachie Baptist Church, the 4th Sunday and Saturday before in July, 1925.

H. S. FARRAR.

After remarks by Elders Van B. Hill, A. E. Sandlin, G. S. Raburn, H. S. Farrar, D. R. Raper, W. O. Thornley, A. J. Darling, the report was adopted.

Brethren H. S. Farrar and R. S. Sheffield were nominated as general superintendent. Brother H. S. Farrar was recommended.

By motion Elder F. Hobsom was recommended as full time missionary.

By motion, Elder F. Hobson was recommended as full time associational missionary.

Report of Committee on Colleges and Other Institutions of Learning.

Brethren, we realize that children need to be educated for the duties of life which will rest upon them when they are men and women, realizing this fact and seeing that the people are making a desperate effort to educate their children, we recommend that their parents look well to the end in view.

As Christian people and parents, we should put forth every effort to get them educated in accordance with God's word.

If children are educated in any other way, they do not perform the duties of life as they should. There are many theories about evolution that has gained admittance into schools and colleges and when taught to our boys and girls cause almost all of them to become infidels. With these theories confronting us, we should be very careful to send them to schools that do not teach such stuff. We recommend the Missionary Baptist College at Sheridan, Arkansas for our boys and girls.

Respectfully submitted,

D. R. RAPER.

After remarks by Elders S. Barber, W. G. Gray the report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Widows and Orphans.

It is the duty of the church to care for the orphan children, James 2:27.

Since pure religion consist in visiting the orphan children in their afflictions, we think it the duty of the churches that orphan children be provided for in Christian homes or in Baptist orphanages where they can be educated literally and religiously that their lives may be developed into lives of useful men and women. We urge the churches to look after their duty particularly.

W. O. THORNLEY
J. M. YOUNG
L. H. BEENE, Committee.

After remarks by Elder W. G. Gray, the report was adopted.

Report of Committee on State of Religion.

After studying the letters of the association, we believe that the state of religion has improved since we last met but we think there is room for greater improvement.

Respectfully submitted,
J. T. RUSHINGS,
A. W. LODEN,
A. E. HILLIARD, Committee.

The above report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Missions

That the lost should be saved through the Lord Jesus Christ, was the eternal purpose of God. Ephesians 1:4-5, "According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself according to the good pleasure of His will."

Through a knowledge of God's Word, men are led to Christ. Faith cometh by hearing the Word of God.—Romans 10:17.

The Apostle Paul said, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto Salvation to every one that believeth." (Rom. 1:16.)

It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. 1st Cor. 1:21.

The institution to which this work was committed is the church.

After Jesus had set up his church and after the membership had increased to about 120, and just before He ascended to the Father, He commanded the church to go unto all the world and preach the gospel eo every creature.

While they tarried in Jerusalem at His command they were endued with power from on high and so went forth to do His biddings.

Since the church is composed of human being, God uses human instrumentality in carrying on this great work and so the responsibility has come down to us.

Inasmuch as God has said, "My Word shall not return to me void," and "your labor is not in vain in the Lord", and too, He said, "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world"; there is no good reason why any one of His children should neglect, much less refuse to enter into the work. Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already unto harvest and he that reaps receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto life everlasting. Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward.

TRACY BEEN,
G. S. RABURN, Committee.

The above report was adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes	$36.45
Associational Missions	25.70
Foreign Missions	2.85
Total	$65.00

Treasurer's Report

Paid to Clerk for Minutes	$36.45
Associational Missions	25.70
Foreign Missions	2.85
Received by Collection for Brother Blaylock	12.25
Total	$7790

Report of Committee on Resolutions

We the messengers and visiting members of the association tender our heartfelt thank to the Church at Mantachie for their good entertainment and hospitality shown us while here.

Respectfully submitted,

ELDER D. R. RAPER AND OTHERS

Asong was sung and the parting hand given, thus ended the Seventy-second session of the Judson Baptist Association.

Elder W. G. GRAY, Moderator.

J. C. RAPER, Clerk.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

We,the United Baptist Church, in the State of Mississippi, having been regularly dismissed by letters from the following Associations, viz: Aberdeen, Chicasaw and Bear Creek, have united for the purpose of maintaining and keeping the Order and Rules of all Associations, according to the following plan:

ART. 1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, who, on producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their election, shall be entitled to seats.

ART. 2. The letters from the churches are to express number of male and female members; time of meeting; number of Baptist received by letter; restored, dismissed by letter; excluded; died since last Association; the name of pastor and postoffice.

ART. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known as the Judson Association, who shall have no power to lord over God's heritage, or to infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches of the Union, but shall be an advisory council for the common benefit of all the churches and the furtherance of the cause of our Redeemer. The Association shall have power to exclude any church from the Union, who may depart from any of the orthodox principles of the Gospel either in faith or practice. (The fundamental principles we adopted and believe may be seen in our abstract.)

ART. 4. Every church in our Union may be entitled to five messengers; should any neglect to present herself, she shall state the reason in her next letter to the Association.

ART. 5. New churches may be admitted to this body, who petition by letter and messenger. If found to be sound in the faith and in good order the reception thereof to be manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand.

ART. 6. This Association shall be governed by Rules of Decorum of their own adoption.

ART. 7. This Association shall elect a Moderator annually from among themselves, whose duty shall be to see that the Rules of Decorum are observed, and take the voice of the Association on all questions brought before it. Also, a Clerk shall be elected, whose duty it shall ebto take correct minutes of the acts of the Association.

ART. 8. No query shall be received for the consideration of the Association until the church presenting it shall have made an effort to answer it to her satisfaction and failed to do so.

ART. 9. The Association shall have a fund for the support of the same, and which shall be raised by voluntary contributions of the churches, sent by their messengers which money shall be deposited in

the hands of the Treasurer, elected by the Association, who shall account to the Association for all money received by him as Treasurer.

ART. 10. The Association shall, in all cases, be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception and dismissal of churches, which shall be unanimous.

ART. 11. The Association shall correspond with other Associations as may be agreed on while in session.

ART. 12. It shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a minister to preach the Introductory Sermon, with an alternate, at each succeering session; also time and place for next Association.

ART. 13. No charge will be received against any church in our Union only when established by a sister church.

ART. 14. This article may be altered or amended at any time by two-thirds of the churches comprising this body.

ART. 15. Minutes to be read, adopted and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association finally adjourns.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

1. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

2. We believe that the Scriptures teach there is but one living and true God, that these three persons in this one God, the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, and this triune God is the only object of all religious worship, and idolatry is an abomination in His sight.

3. We believe that God created man holy and happy; that he sinned and fell from that condition; that by the fall he lost his original righteousness and became both sinful and depraved, and as a natural consequence all his posterity are involved in the consequences of his fall.

4. We believe that man by nature has no power to recover himself from this lost and ruined condition, and that unless God Himself had provided a way of salvation, all must have been ruined and miserable forever, because they have sinned.

5. We believe that God has provided a way of salvation and has revealed it to us in the Gospel of his Son; that this way of salvation was adopted in the Eternal Council before the foundation of the world, according to which God saves sinners through the sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

6. We believe that fallen man has nothing and can do nothing of himself to recommend him to the favorable notice of the Divine Being, and that all hope of pardon, sanctification, justification and redemption is derived alone through the merits of Christ.

7. We believe Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, is the only mediator between God and man; that He first became our surety and in the fullness of time our sacrifice, and that the only efficacious plea that He makes before the Throne in our behalf is built upon His own all-atoning sacrifice and perfect righteousness before God.

8. We believe that the Holy Spirit, the third person in the adorable Trinity, is the great agent in convincing man of his lost and condemned condition, and in making the gospel plain and acceptable to him.

9. We believe that all who are sanctified by the Spirit are fully justified by the righteousness of Christ, which is in all and upon all them that believe.

10. We believe that all who are called the saints through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth shall be eternally saved.

11. We believe that Christ's churches are to be formed of believers in Christ, who give evidence of change of heart, and who have been regularly baptized.

12. We believe that the government of the church is not left in the hands of any one man or number of men distinct from the body, but that it is left to the whole church.

13. We believe that the first day of the week called the Lord's Day, is sanctified and set apart for the worship of God and that it is the duty of Christians to abstain on that day from all unnecessary visiting; trifling conversation of labor, except so much as may be devoted to the works of necessity or mercy.

14. We believe that God has appointed the preaching of the Gospel for the edification of the church and the advancement of His Kingdom; that it is the duty of church members to contribute to the support of the ministry of God, as He in His providence, may give them ability.

15. We believe that Jesuns Christ has appointed two positive institutions or ordinances to be observed in His churches, viz: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. That Baptism is immersion in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that the believers alone are capable of rightly receiving this ordinance; that baptism precedes the Lord's Supper and none but regularly ordained ministers have any right to administer them.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ART. 1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

ART. 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by members present by private ballot.

ART. 3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal provided the appeal is made on the same day, but no subsequent time.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall be allowed the same privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote, unless his vote be necessary to decide the question. If he rises to speak he shall call some brother to the chair.

ART. 5. All questions brought before the Association shall be open for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays, and if a call for division be made it shall be decided by members rising.

ART. 6. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject or makes personal reflections.

ART. 7. No one shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

ART. 8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be decided before another is offered, unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover and Association.

ART. 9. The names of members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct and absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

ART. 10. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used by the members in addressing each other.

ART. 11. Any member violating the rules shall be subject to be reproved by the Moderator, but only the day the breach shall have been made.

ART. 12. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules whenever a majority deems necessary.

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CHURCHES	Sunday School Expenses	Pastors Salary	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Minutes and Clerks	Value of Church Property	Incidentals	Sustentation	Orphanage	PASTORS	Membership	Days of Meeting	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Lost by Letter	Lost by Death	Excluded	Restored	Erased
Oak Grove	$ 8.06	$141.25			$2.10	$1000.00	$78.95			W. O. Thornley	187	1st S.	12	4	7		2		
Mt. Gilead	3.62	116.10	$ 5.27		1.60	1000.00	70.50			G. S. Raburn	77	1st S.	3		1			1	
Cacy Creek		50.00	1.25		2.00					D. R. Raper	73	1st S.	2		1				
Tombigbee			5.25	.50	2.10					G. S. Raburn	108	2ndS.	3	2		3	3	1	
Hopewell	20.05	111.55		20.00	2.60					W. G. Gray	275	4thS.	16	1	9	2	7	2	
Mantachie	15.00	140.00			2.10	1200.00				W. O. Thornley	104	3rdS.	8	4	6		2		
Mt. Joy		184.08	16.11		1.25					G. S. Raburn		1st S.	1						
Bethel		253.00			1.40					J. T. Roberson	282		30	3	1		3	1	
Ballardsville		230.00			2.10					Van B. Hill	128	3rdS	23		5	1	1	1	
Fellowship		100.00			1.75	1000.00					187		4	2		1			
Friendship	9.00		1.00	2.35	2.65	1600.00				Van B. Hill	156	2ndS.	14	1	8	1		48	1
Providence		100.00			3.50					W. O. Thornley	47	4thS.	5	2					
Sandy Springs					2.00	500.00				D. D. Dulaney	150		2		1	3			
Shiloh					50	1000.00				J. M. Scott			6		4	1		1	
Ratliff		125.00			2.00	1500.00				G. S. Raburn	67	4thS.	8			2			
Liberty		75.00			2.00					W. C. Ballard	149	1st S.	7		2	3			
Evergreen					3.05	1500.00				W. C. Ballard	89	2ndS.	7	1	4	1			
Unity	7.00	34.50			1.75		18.00			W. G. Gray	91	3rdS.	10	2	4	1	5		

MINUTES

OF THE

Seventy-Third Annual Session

OF THE

Judson Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

Mt. Gillead Baptist Church

September 15, 16, 17, 1925.

OFFICERS

ELDER W. G. GRAY	Dorsey, Miss.
J. C. RAPER	Guntown, Miss.
T. R. NICHOLS	Ratliff, Miss.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

Ratliff Baptist Church, Ratliff, Miss., Tuesday After the Second Lord's Day in September.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Seventy-Third Annual Session

OF THE

JUDSON ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Mt. Gillead, Tishomingo County, Mississippi

September 15, 16, 17, 1925.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Tuesday after the second Lord's Day in September, 1926
With the Church at Ratliff, Itawamba County, 9 Miles East of Guntown

OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION

ELDER W. G. GRAY, Moderator.....Dorsey, Miss.
J. C. RAPER, Clerk.....Guntown, Miss
T. R. NICHOLS, Treasurer.....Ratliff, Miss.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

G. S. RABURN, D. R. RAPER.....Ratliff, Miss.
W. G. GRAY, A. E. SANDLIN, J. B. LODEN.....Dorsey, Miss.
W. O. THORNLEY.....Saltillo, Miss.
F. HOBSON.....Guntown, Miss.
R. E. TOOK.....Baldwyn, Miss.
D. P. MOODY.....Dorsey, Miss.
G. A. SENTER.....Fulton, Miss.

LICENTIATES

W. D. CAYSON, D. T. MARSHBANKS, BURT EDGE,
W. W. MORSE.

The Journal-Review, Tupelo.

THE COVENANT

The Church Covenant as adopted by most churches of this Association: Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, Angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and Spirituality; to sustain its worships, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, and the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, back-biting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drink as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy of speech; to be slow to take offence, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible enter with some other church, where we can carry out the Spirit of this covenant and the principals of God's Word.

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Judson Baptist Association met in its Seventy-Third Annual Session with the Church at Mt. Gillead, Tishomingo County, Mississippi, September 15, 16 and 17, 1925.

Introductory Sermon by Elder W. G. Gray. Theme, "Construction Work."

The Association adjourned until 1 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association came together at the appointed time by singing and prayer.

Brethren D. R. Raper and L. E. Skinner were appointed Reading Clerks.

The roll of the churches was called and messengers enrolled as follows:

Mantachie—A. J. Morris, J. E. Hodges, W. D. Morris, S. H. Turner, and W. A. McNutt.

Evergreen—G. M. Armstrong, C. S. Nabors, Sister Michall Mullins, and Sister Mary Nabors.

Hopewell—Elder W. G. Gray, Brethren M. M. Gray, J. A. Williams, B. E. Bourland, and F. E. Wallace. Elder A. E. Sandlin alternate.

Liberty—J. U. Hester, A. G. Ridings, Jesse Owings, A. S. Brown and Sam Baily alternate.

Sandy Springs—L. M. Thomas, B. G. Powell, H. T. Randolph, and T. M. Gentry.

Ballardsville—Not represented.

Tombigbee—G. H. Devaughn, R. Houston, W. M. Ren, and J. P. Bailey.

Unity—Elder F. Hobson, W. M. Gillentine, J. C. Raper, Burt Edge, and J. M. Bennefield.

Ratliff—T. R. Nichols, D. R. Raper, W. C. Cummings, W. C. Nichols.

Cayce Creek—J. T. Barrett, W. A. Magers, W. A. Cagle, W. E. Handcock, Claudie Swinney.

Friendship—Jim Barnett, Sister Cliam Nichols, A. L. Magers, D. P. Magers, Sister Liddie Magers

Mt. Joy—Elder G. S. Raburn, R. G. Bonds, J. C. Hubbard and W. C. Berryman.

Mt. Gillead—J. M. Skinner, John Stocton, John Davis, Mark Taylor, Albert Rhodes with Bro. Lester Skinner alternate.

Providence—Elder W. O. Thornley, Marck Harden, J. R. McDonald, R. L. Sandlin.

Bethel—E. D. Moody, Tracy Bean, Sister Bula Wood, Venette Gurley, and W. A. Chatham alternate.

Oak Grove—W. H. Leigh, J. M. Young, J. T. Rushings, Sister Ernie May Stovall.

Petitionary letters were called for and the following presented which were read and messengers enrolled and seated as follows:

Sardis—J. M. Bishop, N. T. McCoy, R. P. Holder.

Mt. Zion—Elder G. A. Senter, J. W. Powell, Dora Mae Bonds and Bernice Lee.

Forked Oak—R. G. McCutchen, J. A. Penson, S. V. Tenison.

Mt. Glory—W. A. Cobb, W. H. Page, J. N. Kieth.

By motion the above named churches were received.

The Association entered into permanent organizations.

By motion the Association retained the same officers as last year as follows: Elder W. G. Gray, Moderator, J. C. Raper, Clerk, and T. R. Nichols, Treasurer.

By motion, visiting brethren were seated with us.

The following were appointed on the Committee of Arrangements: Elder D. R. Raper, G. A. Senter, D. P. Magers.

Devotional Committee: W. C. Nichols, R. G. Bonds, L. M. Thomas, with deacons of Mt. Gillead church.

The Committee on Arrangement reported same order of business as last year.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Finance—L. E. Skinner, J. W. Powell, J. T. Rushings.

State of Religion—Elder F. Hobson, W. H. Liegh, W. C. Cummings.

Sunday Schools—Ernest Bourland, W. C. Nichols and J. C. Hubbard.

Publications—D. R. Raper, E. D. Moody, R. G. Bonds.

Colleges and Other Institutions of Learning—Elder W. O. Thornley, J. M. Young, T. M. Gentry.

Associational Missions—F. Hobson, T. R. Nichols, Elder G. S. Raburn and T. E. Skinner.

Sustentation—W. C. Cummings, Lilian Nichols, Eunice Gray, Albert Rhodes.

Temperance—A. J. Morris, J. S. Thornley, G. H. Devaughn, M. Skinner.

Missions—L. E. Skinner, G. A. Senter, R. Houston.

Music—D. R. Raper, J. M Bishop, Tyrus G. Gray, W. D. Morris.

Fraternal Dead—B. E. Bourland, J. S. Thornley.

Church Discipline—D. P. Magers, A. J. Morris and T. R. Nichols.

Ministerial Education—G. S. Raburn, W. H. Page, Dora May Bonds and Bernice Lee.

Ministerial Support—A. T. Bean, John Stocton, E. D. Moody.

The Devotional Committee made the following report:

That Elder G. A. Senter preach Wednesday and Elder W. O. Thornley preach Thursday.

Report of Committee on State of Religion: Judging from the letters of the Association, we believe that the State of Religion has improved since last year. But it is not yet what we would like to see it. So we are praying the Lord to send more laborers into His Vineyard.

F. HOBSON,
W. C. CUMMINGS,
W. H. LIEGH, Committee.

After remarks by Elders G. S. Raburn, W. O. Thornley, D. R. Raper, W. G. Gray, James Landers the report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Publications

We urge that the people be very careful about the publications which they permit to be read in their homes and churches.

Since there are so many publications that teach that all things created were created in an imperfect state and then evoluted to the present state.

Therefore, we recommend that the Bible, the inerent Word of God, which teaches correctly how all things were created by the direct and single act of God, be read and given first place in all things.

There are other publications, published by Missionary Baptists, that would be a great help in studying the Bible, such as the Baptist Sunday School literature, Texarkana, Ark.-Tex.; The Baptist and Commoner published at Little Rock, Ark. TheBaptist Way Book by Elder Ben M. Bogard; Baptist Doctrine in a Nutshell, by Elder E. C. Gillentine; The Forerunner, by Elder B. O. Howard, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Respectfully submitted,

D. R. RAPER,
E. D. MOODY,
B. G. BOND, Committee.

After being discussed by Elders G. S. Raburn, W. O. Thornley, F. Hobson, W. G. Gray and Brethren C. Woodley and L. E. Skinner the report was adopted.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

House called to order by the Moderator, Elder W. G. Gray.

Singing led by Albert Rhodes.

Devotional services conducted by D. R. Raper. Prayer by W. C. Cummings.

By motion speeches were limited to five minutes each, with a three minute speech for the second talk on each subject.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools

The Sunday School is one of the teaching services of the church, and should be under the complete control of the church in conference.

We recommend first the Bible and second the literature published by the Baptist Sunday School Committee at Texarkana.

Respectfully submitted,

B. C. BOURLAND,
J. C. HANDCOCK,
W. C. NICHOLS, Committee.

Report of the Superintendent of Sunday Schools

With the encouragement that I got at the last association, it is very embarrassing for me to say, "I haven't done but little in the Sunday School work in a public way." But I thank God that the progress of the Sunday Schools of this Association has not depended upon my feeble efforts to encourage them in this great work.

I find that out of 18 churches in this Association that 12 or 14 of them maintain, and have for some time, good Sunday Schools.

We had some fine reports at the Sunday School convention from different schools. The Sunday School convention was a grand success. Some of the best programs were rendered that I ever heard, I think. We heard some real good lectures on "Sunday School" and the singing was grand, too.

The next Sunday School convention will meet with the Hopewell Baptist Church the fourth Sunday and Saturday before, in July, 1926.

H. S. FARRAR, Supt. of Sunday Schools.

After discussion by Elders G. S. Raburn, F. Hobson, W. O. Thornley, D. R. Raper, M. D. Seago, W. W. Whitker and Brethren W. H. Liegh, J. M. Bishop, W. A. Rhodes, W. C. Nichols, B. C. Bowling the report was adopted.

By motion the Association adjourned until 1 o'clock for preaching.

At the appointed hour, Elder G. A. Senter preached. Text, "That Ye Earnestly Contend for the Faith Once Delivered Unto the Saints."

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The Association came together by singing.

Report of Committee on Colleges and Other Institutions of Learning

Since the education of our children is one of the most important duties of parents and since our colleges and other institutions of learning have become so poisoned with false theory of evolution we insist that parents be careful where they send their boys

and girls to school. We say, "Keep them as near home as possible."

The Baptist College at Sherdin, Ark., is safe for our boys and girls.

W. O. THORNLEY,
T. M. GENTRY,
J. M. YOUNG.

After remarks by Elders W. G. Gray, D. R. Raper, M. D. Seago, the report was adopted.

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that we the messengers of the Missionary Baptist Churches composing the Judson Association in the 73rd session, do protest against the teaching of Evolutionary Hypothesis in any way in any tax supported school or in any other public institution of learning. The most ardent supporters, enthusiastic advocates, and the most prominent and best educated scientists must admit that evolution is a hypothesis, a mere guess.

It is a fact that God created man, by a single act, in His own likeness and image in a holy state; that God placed him in the Garden of Eden; that man by transgression of God's holy law fell from that holy state, as it is stated in the Genesis account of creation in God's Word, and also it is a fact that Christ, the Son of God, came from God, was born of the Virgin Mary, performed miracles, died, was buried and resurrected and now sits at the right hand of God making intercessions for His people.

It is a fact that evolution denies the Bible, the inerent Word of God which is the foundation of our hope of immortality; that it denies the diety and Virgin birth of Christ, gives God the lie, makes infidels of our children, takes away sexual respect, breeds free, breaks up homes, destroys morality, fills prisons with criminals, undervalues human life, and has no conception of the soul.

Well did Longfellow, the poet, say, "Life is real, life is earnest, and the grave is not its goal. Dust thou art, to dust returneth was not spoken of the soul.

W. G. GRAY,
G. S. RABURN.

Motion to adopt this resolution as the sentiment of this body and to send a copy to Hon. J. S. Howerton, who is a member of the Board of Trustees of the University and Colleges of Mississippi, with the request that he present same to the Board; also send a copy to the Baptist and Commoner for publication. Motion was carried by unanimous vote of the Association.

Report of the Committee on Sustentation

We find Sister A. J. Herring, Sister Taylor and Sister Luke Clard in destitute conditions.

We are taught in God's Word to aid, visit and contribute to the support of the widows, orphans and needy. We recommend that each church look after same in their immediate territory.

Submitted, W. C. CUMMINGS,
ALBERT RHODES,
LILIAN NICHOLS,
EUNICE GRAY, Committee.

After remarks by Elders W. G. Gray, G. S. Raburn, D. R. Raper, and Brethren W. C. Cummings, W. L. Liegh, the report was adopted.

Elder W. O. Thornley asked leave of absence.

Report of Committee on Associational Missions.

After all that has been done and said about Missions, there is yet a great deal to do.

Our Missionary has done a fine work but the work has just begun.

Large territories have opened unto us and there are many churches that have been so disgusted by "Drives," and "Campaigns" that they are in a "dormant state" and need help.

There are lots of places where there are no churches. We need to go to those places.

We preachers and laymen need to get our hearts into the cause.

Respectfully submitted,
F. HOBSON,
G. S. RABURN,
T. R. NICHOLS.

After remarks by Elders W. G. Gray, F. Hobson, G. S. Raburn, M. D. Seago, Brethren J. M. Skinner T. R. Nichols, J. M. Young, R. G. Bonds, D. R. Raper, L. E. Skinner the report was adopted.

The Association recommended Brethren Huby Farrar, and L. E. Skinner as general superintendents of the Sunday Schools for the ensuing year.

Elder W. O. Thornley being absent, the Devotional Committee selected Elder W. W. Whitker to preach at the 11 o'clock hour Thursday.

The Association adjourned until 10 o'clock Thursday.

THURSDAY MORNING

House called to order by the Moderator, W. G. Gray.
Song by Albert Rhodes.
Prayer zy F. Hobson.
Regular order of business resumed.

Report of the Associational Missionary.

Dear Brethren: Since you put me on the field one year ago, I have worked 20 days and have traveled about 400 miles. I collected on the field $44.65.

We have four more churches than last year, making 22 churches in this Association.

I realize I haven't done as much as some other, but the work is just too large for any one man to do it right.

We have many destitute places in the bounds of the Association and oh! may God speed the time when our preachers will realize the great responsibility that rest upon them. Souls are going to hell daily by the hundreds and the blood of many of them will

be on our hands. Please join me in earnest prayer for God to use us as successful instruments in His hands, and that more of God's churches will have come out from under the yoke of Conventionism when we meet in 1926 at Ratliff. Other may do as they please, but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

ELDER F. HOBSON.

After being discussed by Elders F. Hobson, G. S. Raburn, W. G. Gray, D. R. Raper and Brethren W. H. Liegh, R. G. Bonds, L. E. Skinner, T. R. Nichols, W. C. Nichols, the report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Missions

God purposed from all eternity that the lost should be saved through Christ Jesus. Eph. 1:1-10.

The means that God has ordained for the accomplishment are: First, The Gospel which is the power of God unto Salvation to every one that believeth. Romans 1-16. And, Second, The Holy Spirit whom Jesus said he would send into the world and that He would reprove the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment. John 16-8.

The work of evangelination was given to the churches by the Lord Jesus Christ himself. Matthew 28:19-20. Thus this great responsibility, this great privilege is ours.

Through the knowledge of God's Word men are led to Christ. Faith cometh by the Word of God. Romans 10-17.

It pleaseth God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. I Cor. 1-21.

Just before Jesus ascended to the Father, He commanded the Church to go into all the world and preach or teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Matt. 28:19-20.

We recommend that systematic and regular collections be taken in all our churches for missions and designate the purpose for which they are to be applied.

If Foreign Missions, it can be sent to the treasurer of the American Baptist Association, or sent direct to the Missionary on the fields through either source reaches the place for which it is stated. We have about 65 missionaries in the foreign fields, so let us help and show our faith by our work.

Respectfully,

L. E. SKINNER,
G. A. SENTER,
R. HOUSTON.

After being discussed by Elders D. M. Seago, G. S. Raburn, W. G. Gray, D. R. Raper, F. Hobson, and Brethren Albert Rhodes and Tracy Bean the report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Music.

We, your Committee on Music, beg leave to report: That by

observation we find that the churches are greatly neglecting the teaching of music. We believe that the interest in music is retrograding.

The churches are not carrying out the command found in Col. 3:16. Let the Word of God dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing each other in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. How long will the churches continue to neglect this great important duty?

We admonish the churches to select consecrated music teachers and have music taught in the churches. In Dan. 2:44 we find, "In the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people------.

Then if the churches get teachers that are not children of God to teach music for them, they are leaving God's work to other people. Just as well have other people teach our Sunday Schools as have them teach our music.

A sinner cannot come any nearer teaching music with the spirit and understanding than he can teach God's Word with the spirit and understanding. A sinner's inclination is away from God. When a sinner gets the leadership of the people he feels exalted and seeks a place of show.

Therefore, he leads away from the church to the all-day singings. There to indulge in the things that are wrong and try to gain the place of accendancy among the people. Such practices decay the minds of the people away from God and abuse music which should be used to glorify God.

Music is a wonderful gift, or art, that God has given to His people. When the foundation of the earth was laid, "The morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy. Job 38:7.

Music, generally speaking, is an expression of the intellect, and an expression of the intellect is an index to the soul. Words are language to the ears and eyes, and convey ideas and thoughts that are conceived by the mind to other people. So is music a language for the inmost part of the soul. It coveys the real desire and feeling of the soul to other people and thereby, turns the light on the soul that we may take a slight peep into the recesses of the heart.

In sadness and in gladness the Christian finds in music solace and inspiration, and in the great work of soul saving he finds it a mighty force with which to overcome the powers of evil and break down the impenitent heart. There is nothing more inspiring and uplifting than heartfelt congregational singing, especially when vast numbers join in choral praise and adoration to God.

Only once do we read in the Bible of God's people hanging their harps upon the willows, and then while they were in captivity. Psalms 137.

When gladness is in our hearts we express, through music, our happiness when our loved ones pass away and sadness fills our hearts we get through music a great solace. Then it is that we appreciate the song and fact, "There'll Come a Glad Day After While." Then it is that we can realize that music is the medicine of the breaking heart and the balm of the wounded spirit, the nurse of the infant soul and the solace of old age. It brings back our buried hopes and garners our sweetest memories.

Ps. 32:7——Thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Rev. 14:3 And they sang as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand which were redeemed from the earth. Rev. 15:3 And they sang the song of Moses, the servant of God and the song of the Lamb.

Now will we listen to the poet as he says, "I saw a wayworn traveler in tattered garments. He struggled up the mountain, it seemed that he was sad. His back was laden heavy, his strength was almost gone. Yet he shouted as he journeyed, 'Deliverance will come. Then palms of victory, crowns of glory, palms of victory I shall wear.' "

Respectfully submitted,
D. R. RAPER,
W. D. MORRIS,
FIRAS GRAY,
J. M. BiSHOP, Committee.

After discussions by Elders G. S. Raburn, D. R. Raper, W. G. Gray, M. D. Seago, F. Hobson and Brethren Albert Rhodes, Tracy Bean the report was adopted.

By motion the work of the Association was continued, Elder W. W. Whitker being absent at the appointed time for preaching.

Report of Committee on Fraternal Dead.

We find from the reading of the letters of the Association that we have lost by death the following:

From Hopewell—Brethren, T. M. Wallace, W. P. Barns, J. E. Wright, Forest Martin, Jr., Sister Adline Morse.

Bethel—Sister Susie Gray and Sister Rosie Gray.

Ratliff Church—Brother C. S. Ferguson.

Oak Grove—Bro. Audie Grissom and Bro. W. Halloway.

Friendship—Bro. Fomen Hill.

Evergreen—Webster Armstrong, Sister Flora Duncin and Cecil Griffin.

Mt. Gillead—Sister Dora Brittan.

Unity—Bro. J. A. Herring and Sister Sallie Lofton.

Mt. Zion—Brethren J. H. Powell and T. F. Hankins.

Cacys Creek—Sister Bettsie Ann Nix.

Providence—Brother Bennie Bell.

Tombigbee—Bro. W. E. Walker and Sister Allen Wilburn.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, henceforth they

do rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

Submitted,

A. L. SUMMERS,

B. C. BOURLAND, Committee.

After remarks by Elder G. A. Senter, W. G. Gray, G. S. Raburn and Albert Rhodes the report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

We believe that this subject "Temperance," was brought in the Association to bring up the subject, "Alcohol, Whiskey, Wines," etc. We think this report should be dismissed from the Association and the time be used on more important things.

The Bible teaches that anyone should let whiskey, alcohol, wine, etc., alone and touch it not. You can not be temp drinking strong drinks. Prov. 23:31. Look not thou upon wine when it is red when it giveth its color in the cup.

Submitted by Committee,

W. C. CUMMINGS,

J. N. SKINNER,

R. G. BONDS.

After being discussed by Elders G. S. Raburn, D. R. Raper, W. G. Gray and Brethren T. E. Skinner, W. C. Cummings, and T. R. Nichols the report was adopted.

Ministerial Support

The Bible teaches us to lay by in store on the first day of the week as the Lord has prospered us. Since the preachers are the ones sent by the churches to do this work, and too, the laborer is worthy of his hire, we believe that the churches—

Should support the ministry with their prayers and with their money.

We believe that the ministers should give their entire time to the preaching and teaching of the Word.

Respectfully submitted,

TRACY BEAN,

J. W. STOCTON.

ELDER E. D. MOODY, Committee.

The above report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Finance.

For Printing Minutes	$42.90
For Associational Missions Paid to Elder F. Hobson	51.39
For Clerk (collected and paid)	14.75
For Foreign Missions—	
Friendship	5.25
Tombigbee	75
Mt. Gillead	1.00
Total	$116.04

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. SKINNER.

The above report was adopted.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association came together by singing led by Albert Rhodes. Prayer by R. G. Bonds.

The next session of the Association was located at Ratliff, Itawamba county, Mississippi, September 1926.

Elder G. A. Senter was selected to preach the Introductory Sermon with Elder F. Hobson alternate. A motion was made that each messenger ask his church to insist on each member of the church study each subject as reported at the Association and become familiar with each subject and also when the churches select messengers to the Association ask that each messenger study and prepare a composition on each subject that may be discussed at the Association, and that these messengers turn their compositions over to the committee that shall be appointed at the Association.

Motion carried.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

We believe that the better our ministers are educated, the better they will be able to meet all kinds of critics, even those who oppose the truth. Paul said to Timothy "Study to show thyself approved upto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the truth."

We urge our ministers to study the Word for we know that God's Word is the most important thing.

An education doesn't merely consist of a literary training. We believe our ministers should have a pratical knowledge of God's Word. We believe also that the churches should assist them in obtaining this knowledge.

G. S. RABURN,
DORA MAE BONDS,
BERNICE LEE, Committee.

After remarks the report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Church Discipline

We believe that it is the duty of the churches to discipline its members.

We feel sure that the slackness of the churches in discipline is one cause of those outside of the church having such little respect for the churches. It is a sad fact that many members of the church do things before the world that many who do not claim any hope would do. Is it not time to wake up and clean up?

In Matthew 5:13 the church is called Salt. But the Lord said, "If we lose our saltness we are good for nothing." In verse 14 the Church is called a Light and commanded to let it shine.

In Matthew 18:16-17 we are told how to remove the hindrance so the light may shine. We believe the churches should practice strict discipline so one hindering cause will be removed.

Respectfully submitted,
D. P. MAGERS,
T. R. NICHOLS, Committee.

The report was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For Printing Minutes	$42.80
For Foreign Missions	7.00
Associational Missions paid to Elder F. Hobson	51.50
Total	$101.30

T. R. NICHOLS, Treasurer.

Report of Committee on Resolutions

Resolve that we, the messengers and visitors of the Judson Baptist Association, extend to the Mt. Gillead Baptist Church and community our heartfelt thanks for their kindness and hospitality shown us during our stay with them.

D. R. RAPER, Committee.

The report was dopted.

A song was sung by A. L. Sumner. The parting hand was given and many made to rejoice. Thus ended another great Session of the Judson Baptist Association.

ELDER W. G. GRAY, Moderator.
J. C. RAPER, Clerk.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

We, the United Baptist Church, in the State of Mississippi, having been regularly dismissed by letters from the following Associations, viz: Aberdeen, Chickasaw and Bear Creek, have united for the purpose of maintaining and keeping the Order and Rules of all Associations, according to the following plan:

ART. 1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, who, on producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their election, shall be entitled to seats.

ART. 2. The letters from the churches are to express number of male and female members; time of meeting; number of Baptist received by letter; restored, dismissed by letter; excluded; died since last Association; the name of pastor and postoffice.

ART. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known as the Judson Association, who shall have no power to lord over God's heritage, or to infringe on any of the internal right of the churches of the Union, but shall be an advisory council for the common benefit of all the churches and the furtherance of the cause of our Redeemer. The Association shall have power to exclude any church from the Union, who may depart from any of the orthodox principles of the Gospel either in faith or practice. (The fundamental principles we adopted and believe may be seen in our abstract.)

ART. 4 Every church in our Union may be entitled to five messengers; should any neglect to present herself, she shall state the reason in her next letter to the Association.

ART. 5. New churches may be admitted to this body, who petition letter and messenger. If found to be sound in the faith and in good order the reception thereof to be manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand.

ART. 6. This Association shall be governed by Rules and Decorum of their own adoption.

ART. 7. This Association shall elect a Moderator annually from among themselves, whose duty shall be to see that the Rules of Decorum are observed, and the voice of the Association on all

questions brought before it. Also, a Clerk to be elected whose duty it shall be to take correct minutes of the acts of the Association.

ART. 8. No query shall be received for the consideration of the Association until the church presenting it shall have made an effort to answer it to her satisfaction and failed to do so.

ART. 9. The Association shall have a fund for the support of the same, and which shall be raised by voluntary contributions of the churches, sent their messengers which money shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, elected by the Association, who shall account to the Association for all money received by him as Treasurer.

ART. 10. The Association shall, in all cases, be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception and dismissal of churches, which shall be unanimous.

ART. 11. The Association shall correspond with other Associations as may be agreed on while in session.

ART. 12. It shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a minister to preach the Introductory Sermon, with an alternate, at each succeeding session; also time and place for next Association.

ART. 13. No charge will be received against any church in our Union only when established by a sister church.

ART. 14. This article may be altered or amended at any time by two-thirds of the churches comprising this body.

ART. 15. Minutes to be read, adopted and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association finally adjourns.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

1. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

2. We believe that the Scriptures each there is but one living and true God, that these three persons in this one God, the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, and this triune God is the only object of all religious worship, and idolatry is an abomination in His sight.

3. We believe that God created man holy and happy; that he sinned and fell from that condition; that by the fall he lost his original righteousness and became both sinful and depraved, and as a natural consequence all his posterity are involved in the consequences of his fall.

4. We believe that man by nature has no power to recover himself from this lost and ruined condition, and that unless God Himself had provided a way of salvation, all must have been ruined and miserable forever, because they have sinned.

5. We believe that God has provided a way of salvation and has revealed it to us in the Gospel of his Son; that this way of salvation was adopted in the Eternal Council before the foundation of the world, according to which God saves sinners through the sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

6. We believe that fallen man has nothing and can do nothing of himself to recommend him to the favorable notice of the Divine Being, and that all hope of pardon, sanctification, justification and redemption is derived alone through the merits of Christ.

7. We believe Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, is the only mediator between God and man; that He first became our surety and in the fullness of time our sacrifice, and that the only efficacious plea that He makes before the Throne in our behalf is built upon His own all-atoning sacrifice and perfect righteousness before God.

8. We believe that the Holy Spirit, the third person in the adorable Trinity, is the great agent in convincing man of his lost and condemned condition, and in making the gospel plain and acceptable to him.

9. We believe that all who are sanctified by the Spirit are fully justified by the righteousness of Christ, which is in all and upon all them that believe.

10. We believe that all who are called the saints through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth shall be eternally saved.

11. We believe that Christ's churches are to be formed of believers in Christ, who give evidence of change of heart, and who have been regularly baptized.

12. We believe that the government of the church is not left in the hands of any one man or number of men distinct from the body, but that it is left to the whole church.

13. We believe that the first day of the week called the Lord's Day, is sanctified and set apart for the worship of God and that it is the duty of Christians to abstain on that day from all unnecessary visiting; trifling conversation of labor, except so much as may be devoted to the works of necessity or mercy.

14. We believe that God has appointed the preaching of the Gospel for the edification of the church and the advancement of His Kingdom; that it is the duty of church members to contribute to the support of the ministry of God, as He in His providence, may give them ability.

15. We believe that Jesus Christ has appointed two positive institutions or ordinances to be observed in His churches; viz: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. That Baptism is immersion in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that the believers alone are capable of rightly receiving this ordinance; that baptism precedes the Lord's Supper and none but regularly ordained ministers have any right to administer them.

RULES OF DECORUM

ART. 1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

ART. 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by members present by private ballot.

ART. 3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, by any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal provided the appeal is made on the same day, but no subsequent time.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall be allowed the same privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote, unless his vote be necessary to decide the question. If he rises to speak he shall call some brother to the chair.

ART. 5. All questions brought before the Association shall be open for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays, and if a call for division be made it shall be decided by members rising.

ART. 6. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject or makes personal reflections.

ART. 7. No one shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

ART. 8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be decided before another is offered, unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover and Association.

ART. 9. The names of members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct and absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

ART. 10. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used by the members in addressing each other.

ART. 11. Any member violating the rules shall be subject to be reproved by the Moderator, but only the day the breach shall have been made.

ART. 12. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules whenever a majority deems necessary.

CHURCHES	Sunday School Expenses	Days of Meeting	Value of Church Property	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Incidentals	Paid Visiting Ministers	Associational Missions	For Printing Minutes	PASTORS	Pastors' Postoffice	Pastors Salary	Sustentation	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Lost by Death	Lost by Letter	Excluded	Erased	Present Membership	Membership Last Year
Bethel	$12.00	2	$1,500	$16.00						W. G. Gray	Dorsey, Miss.	$ 55.90		12	4		2	12	3		281	282
Ballardsville																						
Cacy Creek		1		2.00			25.80		$1.00	D. R. Raper	Ratliff, Miss.	50.00		9	3		1	1			82	
Evergreen			1,500							W. C. Ballard	Aberdeen, Miss.			3	2		3	2			89	
Friendship	10.00	2	2,000		5.25		40.00	5.50	3.15	D. R. Raper	Ratliff, Miss.	116.00	26.20	10	6		1	4	3		161	153
Fellowship																						
Forked Oak		3					20.00	8.00	2.50	G. S. Raburn	Iuka, Miss.	96.95		3	2						75	
Hopewell	20.14	4	1,500	14.00		11.55	111.14		1.00	W. G. Gray	Dorsey, Miss.	146.25	6.12	20	1	6	5	5	1	2	289	
Liberty		1	500							W. E. Larkland	Aberdeen, Miss.			5			2	5	1		138	
Mantachie	20.84	3	1,200	25.00	5.00	25.00			4.20	W. O. Thornley	Saltillo, Miss.	175.00	12.00	17	13			4			130	104
Mt. Joy	12.91		1,615		15.75	7.25	18.00	10.00	2.00	G. S. Raburn	Iuka, Miss.	159.00	23.00	1	2		1				42	40
Mt. Gillead		2	1,000		12.75	20.75	20.25	5.46	3.40	G. S. Raburn	Iuka, Miss.	229.55		22	3		1	2			116	
Mt. Glory		1	800				65.00		2.00	G. S. Raburn	Iuka, Miss.	52.00		12		1		1			44	
Mt. Zion		4						5.00	3.00	G. A. Senter	Fulton, Miss.	51.50		7	2		2				74	
Mt. Vernon																						
Oak Grove	6.32	1	1,000			31.35			2.45	W. O. Thornley	Saltillo, Miss.	150.00		7	1	2	10		2		181	
Providence		4	500	37.75			6.25		3.00	W. O. Thornley	Saltillo, Miss.	125.00					1	2	2		49	54
Ratliff	4.00	4	1,500	27.00			82.00		2.50	G. S. Raburn	Iuka, Miss.	126.00		2	2		1	1			69	67
Sandy Springs		1	800						1.60	D. D. Dulaney	Fulton, Miss.			5	3			5			146	
Shiloh			800																			
Sardis										H. L. Glasscock		60.00									77	
Tombigbee	6 00	4	12.50	1.00	.75		31.00	4.75	2.00	G. S. Raburn	Iuka, Miss.		4.25	7	2	1	2	11			103	106
Unity	6.00	3	3.00		3.00	19.75	11.00	6.00	2.00	W. G. Gray	Dorsey, Miss.	75.00		11	4		2	3		7	94	

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